

WOULD LEAVE INCREASE OF RATES TO COMMISSION

House Committee Joins With Senate Committee in Favoring Increasing Passenger Tariffs

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 18.—The following resolution, introduced by Colonel W. H. Phelps in the senate today, puts the question of a railroad rate increase up to the public service commission:

"Whereas, the public service commission reports to the senate that, as far as its investigation has proceeded, it appears that the present railroad rates are inadequate; and,

"Whereas, its investigation has not yet been concluded.

"Therefore, be it resolved by the senate, the house concurring therein, that as soon as the commission determines the question, if it finds the rates are too low, said commission make such rates as will accord just and reasonable compensation to the railroad companies of the state; and,

"Resolved further, that the action of said commission should not be delayed to await the fixing of the physical valuation of the property of the railroad companies not wholly within the state."

Under the rules, Phelps' resolution was laid over a day. If adopted by the senate and house, the rate increase question will be taken out of the assembly's hands and left to the public service commission.

STAMPS IN CORN SHOCK

Squire G. J. Crowell, living just south of Rogers, last week found a thread box filled with postage and parcel post stamps, in a corn shock in his field. He brought them to town and turned them over to Postmaster Puckett, who notified Postmaster McClure of Lowell. The Lowell postoffice was robbed a month ago and it was suspected that the stamps found by Mr. Crowell were part of the booty taken by the thieves. Mr. McClure came up Saturday and identified the stamps as the ones taken from the Lowell office. Although the stamps were badly damaged by being stuck together and had been gnawed and mutilated by field mice, there were enough left to make it well worth the time of Mr. McClure to separate and save the remaining ones and he can get credit from the department for them. There is no clue to the Lowell robbers.—Rogers Democrat.

THREE-CENT FARE BILL GIVEN COMMITTEE O. K.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 17.—The Senate Committee on Railroads voted tonight to report favorably a bill providing a 3-cent passenger rate maximum. It is understood there was but one dissenting vote out of the seven committeemen.

The bill provides that the railroads of Missouri may begin charging 2½ cents a mile as soon as the bill becomes a law. The Public Service Commission then would be empowered to raise the rate to 3 cents a mile if the contention of the roads is sustained by the commission.

A severe freeze would do considerable damage to peach buds which have matured to a considerable extent throughout the Ozark region, according to Asleigh P. Boles, horticultural agent of the Frisco department of development, who returned yesterday from a tour of inspection of orchards in Northwest Arkansas and Southwest Missouri. Prospects for a bumper crop are very bright, Mr. Boles stated.—Springfield Republican.

LAWRENCE COUNTY LICENSES
Elmer Mulkey Monett
Florence Jenkins Monett
Percy W. Peck Mt. Vernon
Jessie M. Harper Marionville
Fred Woody Everton
Laura Clarkson Ash Grove

How Mr. Davis Got Rid of a Bad Cough

"Some time ago I had a very bad cough," writes Lewis T. Davis, Blackwater, Del. "My brother McCabe Davis gave me a small bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. After taking this I bought half a dozen bottles of it but only used one of them as the cough left me and I have not been troubled since." Obtainable everywhere.

WAR PRESAGES WORLD'S END?

Conditions Prophesied in Scripture Are Here, Cardinal Gibbons Says

Baltimore, Feb. 18.—That the scriptural prophecy of the conditions that shall prevail near the end of the world seems to be in process of fulfillment was the statement made today by Cardinal James Gibbons.

He was commenting on the war news from Europe, which he said was terrible. "We cannot grasp its magnitude or what it means," he added. "Does it not seem that the scriptures are being fulfilled?—'Nation shall rise against nation and there shall be sorrow throughout the world and then shall the end come.'" he was "Yes, it does," the cardinal replied. "Loss of life in great numbers occurs only once in awhile. But now, in this greatest war of the world, a thousand, nay, ten thousand lives are being sacrificed every hour the war continues."

FRISCO'S WEBB CITY STATION COMPLETED

Webb City, Feb. 18.—The new passenger depot of the Frisco Railroad company in Webb City will be formally opened to the public on Monday, March 1, according to the present plans of the railroad officials.

The depot has been under construction since the latter part of November. According to the local agent, J. D. McCain, it will be completed by March 1, if nothing unexpected happens which would delay the workmen.

The outside work on the depot has been finished and a number of workmen are now employed on the interior work. The building is of brick. There is a general waiting room, a women's rest room and a gentlemen's smoking room. The building will be heated with steam. Two drinking fountains will be installed in the waiting rooms.

The station when completed will cost about \$25,000. It is planned to open the depot with a banquet to be given either by the business men of Webb City or the Commercial Club. No definite plans for the banquet have been decided upon. It probably will be taken up at the meeting of the Commercial Club Friday night.

MRS. H. J. BECK BURIED SUNDAY

Mrs. Houston J. Beck, a venerable and highly respected Stotts City woman, died at her home in that town last Friday after being an invalid for several years. Funeral services were held for her Sunday, Rev. John Williams preaching the funeral sermon, and the body was buried at the Beck cemetery north of Stotts City.

Mrs. Beck is survived by her husband, two sons and three daughters. One son, Walter, lives at home. The other, W. D. Beck, is in business in Verona. Two daughters, Misses Allie and Ida Beck, live at home. The other is the wife of Frank B. Jones, a well known farmer.

There was a very large crowd at the funeral of this excellent woman, relatives and friends assembling from all parts of the country to do her honor.—Saxco Record.

Seventy-Seven Years Old

George W. Clough, Prentiss, Wis., who had suffered greatly with kidney trouble, writes: "Foley Kidney Pills are the only remedy that ever did me any good at all." Just think of the relief and comfort that means to him. Foley Kidney Pills are recommended for sleep disturbing bladder troubles, pain in sides or back, rheumatism, and kidney and bladder ailments. A. H. Cox & Co.

YOEMEN CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

The Yoemen order of this place celebrated the eighteenth birthday of the organization, Friday night. They met at their hall and spent the evening in music and games. Refreshments were served. All report a good time.

DINNER PARTY

Mrs. Harry Fleming and Mrs. H. V. Todisman entertained at a four course six o'clock dinner, Friday, Dr. H. A. Smoot, Rev. W. A. Todd, Rev. S. H. Ramsey, Edwin Johnson, Roy Brown, H. V. Todisman, Arthur Anderson, O. O. Otterman and Harry Fleming. The dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fleming.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Largent visited relatives at Ritchey this week.

WAR MAY EFFECT STATE FERTILIZERS

University of Missouri Professor Thinks Potash Supply May Be Cut Off

The present war may effect the farmers of Missouri by restricting the supply of fertilizer. This belief is held by E. A. Trowbridge, professor of animal husbandry at the University of Missouri.

"Potash, which is the principal food for corn crops, especially muck lands, is produced in Germany," said Mr. Trowbridge, "and of course we can expect no shipments from that country soon."

Mr. Trowbridge is superintending the control of fertilizer for the state, and has number of men working under him at Columbia who gather samples and make tests.

"We find," said Mr. Trowbridge, "that a number of companies are selling fertilizer that is below the guarantee. In order to protect the farmer we are preparing a bulletin which we hope will aid him in his selection. Any farmer that is interested may write to the Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Missouri, Columbia, stating in detail to what use he has been putting the land in question, the results of the treatment he has used and to what use he wishes to put the land. He then will be advised as to treatment and exactly the chemical foods he should supply, while he may refer to a bulletin, which the station will furnish, in order to get his data on the correct fertilizer to use."

The bulletin referred to by Mr. Trowbridge contains a report of the chemical analysis of every fertilizer sold in the state.

WILL BE NO EXTRA SESSION

Washington, Feb. 18.—There will be no extra session of Congress, was the word passed out today by the highest authority.

The White House is favorable, it was indicated, to the reported plan to allow the Shipping Bill to go to conference for about ten days to permit passage of appropriation bills. Afterwards another attempt probably will be made to force the former through, but if the filibuster continues, it will be the end of the bill.

The President was understood to have decided it would be more expedient to place the blame for the measure's failure squarely upon the Republicans than to risk the uncertainty of keeping Congress on the job.

MARRIED

Mrs. L. M. Royalty, formerly of Monett, was married to Otto Rice, a florist at Sapulpa, Ok., February 4. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Fr. VanDike, who has charge of the Catholic church at Sapulpa.

Mr. Rice formerly lived in New York and went to Sapulpa seven years ago.

Mrs. Rice writes that if any of her Monett friends wish to visit her they will find her easily as they are the only florists in Sapulpa and are within sight of the depot.

After Many Years

J. L. Southers, Eau Claire, Wis., writes: "Years ago I wrote you in regard to great results I obtained from Foley Kidney Pills. After all these years I have never had a return of those terrible backaches or sleepless nights; I am permanently cured." Men and women, old and young, find this reliable remedy relieves rheumatism, backache, stiff joints and ills caused by weak or diseased kidneys or bladder. A. H. Cox & Co.

NEWTON COUNTY LICENSES

Leo C. Freeman Seneca
Eula Rogers Seneca
Floyd Bolen Joplin
Nellie Underwood Joplin
Virgil G. Green Carthage
Edna Grace Clark Newtonia
Joe M. Lyon Tulsa, Ok.
Edyth G. Close Tulsa, Ok.
A. L. Lattimer Jasper
Annie Fowler Jasper
Roscoe Curtice Blier Granby
Clara Ellen Anderson Neosho
Mont Mattison Webb City
Fya Kuhns Webb City

D. S. Mayhew went to Carthage, Saturday to look after cases in the circuit court of Jasper county.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON INCREASED RATE

Railroads of Missouri Score Second Victory In Efforts to Obtain Three Cent Passenger Rate

Jefferson City, Feb. 18.—The railroads of Missouri scored a second victory in their efforts to obtain an increase in passenger rates when the railroad committee of the lower house of the state legislature today reported

The house committee endorsed an amendment to the public service commission bill which would permit the commission to fix a maximum passenger rate of three cents a mile and immediately to establish a two and a half cent rate.

It is the consensus of opinion here that the senate will grant the proposed increase readily, but a fight is expected in the lower house.

QUARANTINE IS LIFTED.

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 18.—Taylor Riddle, state live stock sanitary commissioner, today issued an order, effective Sunday night, February 21, allowing stock in the four counties now under quarantine because of the foot and mouth disease, to be moved Wichita for immediate slaughter. The order eliminates Mulvane and Winfield and holds a restriction against movement from within five miles of any farm on which infected cattle were found.

Stock from the four counties will be handled in the quarantine division of the yards here. The order does not affect the present arrangements for handling stock from without the four restricted counties.

BABY DROWNED IN FLAT CREEK

The eighteen months old son of Oliver Linn was drowned in Flat Creek, Wednesday afternoon. The little fellow had wandered away from the house without the knowledge of his mother and was not seen until the dead body was found in the creek.

ABROMIONING—RUSKOSKI

The wedding of Miss Mary Abromioning of Bricefield and Pete Ruskoski of Monett took place at the Bricefield church Monday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. Father Sosna officiating. The couple were attended by Albert Ruskoski, brother of the bridegroom, John Waszik, Miss Winnie Wroblewski and Miss Lizzie Cendroski.

The bride wore a gown of white satin and carried a bouquet of white roses.

After the ceremony the bridal party and their friends went to the home of the bride's parents where a reception was held.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Abromioning of Bricefield. The bridegroom is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Ruskoski of Monett and is well known in this city.

The out of town guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ruskoski, Ed Ryan, Elmer Smith and John Vermillion, of Monett; Arthur Erwin and W. E. Hankins of Cassville; Miss Eliza and Johnnie Kuklen-ski, Miss Lena and Felix Derkoski of Peirce City; John and Kate Strick, Mr. and Mrs. John Cline and children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grohoski of Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruskoski will make their home in Monett.—Peirce City Journal.

VERONA NEWS

"Pete" Browning of Monett spent Sunday at home.

Z. E. Utter has sold his stock of hardware to V. C. Young who will take charge of the same about February 25.

Misses Nelle Huffman and Elizabeth Kehres left Monday for Kansas City where they will purchase their spring millinery stock for their shop at Afton, Ok.

Charley Wheat, one of Lawrence county's best known and most respected citizens, died at his home north of this place, Wednesday night at 11 o'clock, after a lingering illness.—Advocate.

W. M. Walnright was down to the store a short time, Thursday for the first time in four months. His many friends are glad he is gaining his health again.

FIRE LOSS AT WENTWORTH

Fire at Wentworth Friday night completely destroyed the drug store occupied by Dr. Wiley, the Martin Kearney building occupied by Lee Skaggs, barber, and the Odd Fellow building, owned in part by the lodge and in part by Will Robb. The total loss is estimated at between three and four thousand dollars, partly covered by insurance.

The Odd Fellows Hall was a two-story frame building in which the lodge held meetings upstairs. The lower part of the building was occupied by George Cummings, who conducted a grocery store there. The Wiley drug store building was owned by H. E. Roberts. There was \$3000 insurance on the Roberts building, Cummings had \$1,000 insurance on his stock and the Odd Fellows had \$1,200 on their fixtures, regalia, etc.

The cause of the fire has not been ascertained. Opinions differ as to whether it started in the Odd Fellow regalia room or in the lower part of the building. The fire broke out about 10:30 p. m., after most of the people of Wentworth had gone to bed.

Wentworth has no waterworks system and no way of fighting fire excepting by means of a bucket brigade. It has suffered heavily in fire losses during the past several years.—Saxco Record.

ASSAULT CASE FROM BUTTERFIELD

The case of the State of Missouri against Loren Smith, brought here from Butterfield was tried before E. A. O'Dwyer, Justice of the Peace, Monday. The charge was statutory rape, preferred by the prosecuting witness, Lulah Cates of Butterfield. The defendant resides on Shoal Creek near Wheaton.

John T. Burgess appeared for the State and D. S. Mayhew for the defendant. A large number of witnesses were examined.

The defendant was bound over to the March term of court under \$800 bond.

GIRL WON \$10,000 MOVIE PRIZE

St. Louis, Feb. 20.—Ida Damon, a 24 year-old stenographer who was able to go to public school only four years in her life, and since then has virtually supported her aged parents, will build them a home with part of the \$10,000 she won today from thousands of contestants all over the country for the best solution of "The Million Dollar Mystery," by Harold McGrath, which a film company has shown serially in various cities over the country.

Notice of Final Settlement

All creditors and others interested in the Estate of Robert M. Cairns, deceased, are notified that the undersigned Administratrix of said Estate, intends to make a final settlement of said Estate at the next term of the Probate Court of Barry County, to be holden at Cassville in said County, on the 18th day of May, 1915.

ELLEN R. CAIRNS, Administratrix.

This 13th day of February, 1915. First insertion February 19. t5.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Brenner, of Bolivar, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. S. B. Hutcheson.

REFORMING THE ELECTIONS

The affairs of the larger cities of the state are, of course, the affairs of the entire commonwealth in a very large degree. This fact explains why so many of the wants, real or supposed, of our chief municipalities must be passed upon by the state legislature. The people of Missouri are affected by what the cities do, and therefore have been given the power, through their general assembly, to censor the activities of those places.

One of the important propositions before the Missouri legislature just now is that having to do with reforming the election laws of St. Louis and Kansas City. The measure applies to no other communities of the state, it being specified that it shall affect only towns of more than two hundred thousand population.

Very grave defects in the present election machinery will be corrected if the bill shall pass—as the Gazette believes it should.

Dishonest registration, for one thing, is made far more difficult in the proposed measure—which embodies the recommendations of a special commission named by Governor Major to investigate election needs in those two cities. The first requirement of the reform effort is, of course honest election officials. The bill now before the legislature would make the selection of such officials more readily accomplished.—St. Joseph Gazette.

Now is the time to begin the free use of lime about your place wherever a germ might breed. Don't have a slop hole about you. If you must throw out dishwater and kitchen slop, scatter it so it will dry quickly and will not sour. Be ready to coal oil pools of water so no mosquito can live about your place. Dispose of all tin cans. Mosquitoes find lodgment in empty cans; don't let them get a start. If we want a healthful town this year we must begin now. Swat every fly that appears. With proper treatment of the septic tank, good deep well water and the sanitary condition of every place in town Monett could be as healthful as one could wish. Let's not neglect this very important question of sanitation.

THE PEOPLE OR THE BOSSES?

There is a statewide demand for the passage of the bill which will insure honest elections in the large cities of Missouri. Whenever you see a member of the legislature opposed to this measure you can at once begin to suspect he has a collar around his neck and at the end of the long string attached is a politician pulling and jerking him around as he wishes. The people want and demand this law, for a dishonest election in any place in the state damages and injures the entire commonwealth.

If this bill is killed it will be because the bosses are more powerful in the legislature than the people. There is no half way ground. If the best interests of all are consulted there will not be a dissenting vote cast against the bill. If the ward heelers and politicians have their way the bill will never receive favorable consideration.—Richmond Conservator.

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